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### **ISDA ISSUES REMINDER ABOUT BRUCELLOSIS REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE**

(BOISE) The Idaho State Department of Agriculture issued a reminder today that cattle are required by state law to be vaccinated against brucellosis.

Idaho Code 25-613A says "all female cattle in the state of Idaho shall be officially vaccinated for protection against brucellosis" and that female cattle that have not been officially vaccinated "shall not be utilized for breeding, grazing or dairying purposes."

Idaho State Department of Agriculture rules further specify that "female cattle and domestic bison native to the state of Idaho or imported into the state of Idaho shall be calfhood vaccinated while not less than one hundred twenty (120) days of age or more than three-hundred sixty-five (365) days of age or be consigned to an approved feedlot, for finish feeding for slaughter only, prior to becoming three hundred sixty-five (365) days of age." Additionally there is a provision for the adult vaccination of cattle and domestic bison.

"The rules we have in place help protect the integrity of the cattle industry, and we ask all cattle owners to pay close attention to these requirements," said Dr. Greg Ledbetter, administrator of the Division of Animal Industries.

See <http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa02/0420.pdf> for more information about ISDA brucellosis rules.

If you have questions about the rules, you are asked to call the Idaho State Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Industries at (208) 332-8540.

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